the applicant whether the foreign collaborator has any previous joint venture or technology transfer/trademark agreement in the same or allied field in India, the detailed circumstances in which it is considered necessary to set up a new joint venture/enter into new technology transfer (including trade mark), and proof that the new proposal would not in any way jeopardise the interest of the existing joint venture or technology/trade mark partner or other stake holders.

For induction of Foreign/NRI/OCB equity in existing Indian company, a copy of the Board Resolution of the existing Indian company is called for.

For induction of FDI beyond 24% in the activities reserved for small scale industry sector, undertaking an export obligation of 50% is mandatory.

Functioning of Nehru Yuva Kendras

*150. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be, pleased to state:

(a) how many Nehru Yuva Kendras are functioning regularly all over the country; and

(b) what arrangements are being planned by Government in order to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) 500 Nehru Yuva Kendras are functioning in the country

(b) The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, in consultation with (he Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) formulates its Annual Action Plan in which the Annual Physical and Financial targets are fixed, keeping in view the availability of funds. The achievements against these targets, is monitored on a regular basis. Necessary steps have also been taken to ensure the convergence of the activities of NYKS and its linkages with other Departments/agencies.

Disinvestment of BALCO and NALCO

*151. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for disinvestment of BALCO and NALCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the present status of this matter and by when this decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to disinvest 51 % of the equity of the company held by the Government in BALCO through strategic sale. Government have not taken any decision for disinvestment in NALCO.

Export of Steel By SAIL

*152. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the strategy chalked out by SAIL to strengthen its export market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): In line with its Corporate philosophy of becoming a global player in exports, SAIL have evolved the following strategies:

(a) Value added exports

(b) Consistent export

(c) Market segmentation and sustained presence in respect segments

(d) Improved infrastructure at loading ports and steel plants

(e) Adequate and suitable market intelligence.

Protection to Domestic Automobile Industry

*153. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow import of used cars from 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to asses its effect on Indian automobile industry;

(d) if so. the findings thereof;

(e) what happened to the domestic automobile industry in other developing countries where such steps were taken; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to safeguard domestic automobile